financial literacy including EA 2000, risk assessment, commercial frauds, money laundering, anti-evasion, anti-smuggling, etc.

(c) This information is not maintained by this Department.

Appointment of tax ombudsmen

768. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on a proposal to appoint tax ombudsmen throughout the country to resolve taxpayers disputes or grievances against the Income Tax Department;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the proposed date of implementation of the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Department has introduced the Income Tax Ombudsman Guidelines, 2006 with effect from 1st January 2006, with the objective of resolution of complaints relating to public grievances against the Income-Tax Department, and to facilitate the satisfaction or settlement of such complaints. The Guidelines envisage appointment of 12 Income Tax Ombudsmen at New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Kanpur, Chandigarh , Bhopal and Kochi. The Income Tax Ombudsmen at New Delhi and Kolkata have already been appointed.

Increase in ADB Aid

769. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has increased the quantum of aid to country during the current year compared to last year;

(b) if so, the comparative details thereof;

(c) the amount utilised for which purpose State-wi8e; and